

Introduced by Senator Soto
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Huff)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20— Relative to the CHP Officer Thomas J. Steiner Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 20, as introduced, Soto. CHP Officer Thomas J. Steiner Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a section of State Highway Route 60 in the City of Pomona as the CHP Officer Thomas J. Steiner Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The calling to be a peace officer is one of the
2 highest vocations of public service, and any individual who
3 accepts this calling is worthy of the highest respect and honor the
4 community, state, and nation can provide; and
5 WHEREAS, California Highway Patrol Officer Thomas J.
6 Steiner was killed in the line of duty in the afternoon of April 21,
7 2004. Officer Thomas J. Steiner was slain by an armed assailant
8 while leaving Los Angeles Superior Court in Pomona; and
9 WHEREAS, Thomas J. Steiner succumbed to his injuries as a
10 result of the assault; and
11 WHEREAS, Thomas J. Steiner is survived by his wife, Heidi,
12 his son, Bryan, his stepson, Justin, his mother, Carole Steiner, his

1 father, Ron Steiner, his sister, Julie Sparks, and many beloved
2 family members and friends; and

3 WHEREAS, Thomas J. Steiner was born on February 14,
4 1969, in Richmond, Virginia. His family lived in Long Beach,
5 California, where he attended and graduated from Millikan High
6 School; and

7 WHEREAS, Prior to beginning his career with the California
8 Highway Patrol, Thomas J. Steiner attended Cal Poly Pomona
9 where he received a Bachelor's Degree in business; and

10 WHEREAS, Thomas J. Steiner joined the California Highway
11 Patrol on October 19, 1998. After successfully completing his
12 academy training, he reported to the Santa Fe Springs Area; and

13 WHEREAS, Thomas J. Steiner made significant contributions
14 to traffic safety and to the motoring public while assigned to the
15 Santa Fe Springs Area office; and

16 WHEREAS, Thomas J. Steiner served five years as a sworn
17 peace officer for the California Highway Patrol and was known
18 by his fellow officers for his dedication to the department and to
19 the protection of the citizens of our state; now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
22 portion of State Highway Route 60 in the City of Pomona,
23 beginning with mile marker 28.00 and ending at mile marker
24 30.36, as the CHP Officer Thomas J. Steiner Memorial Highway;
25 and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
27 to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers,
28 consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway
29 system, showing these special designations, and upon receiving
30 donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to
31 erect those plaques and markers; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
33 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.